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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

DISPATCHES OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS GATHERED FROM OVER THE WORLD.

FOR THE BUSY READER

The Occurrences Of Seven Days Given In An Epitomized Form For Quick Reading

Foreign—

Notwithstanding wild rumors of impending trouble in Belfast Easter Sunday not a single casualty has been reported. An unusually large number of holdups, carried out by armed men, occurred Easter evening, but no big amounts were secured by the highwaymen.

The allied and Russian delegates to the Genoa economic conference have reached a complete agreement on the liquidation of Russia's old debts. The Soviet delegates agreed to recognize as valid all of Russia's debts contracted previous to the war. This is another victory for Lloyd George, the phoemaker premier of England.

Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government was fired on as he was returning from mass in Dublin Easter Sunday. Collins was uninjured and one of the assailants was captured.

Fire destroyed the older portion of

the famous Imperial hotel at Tokio, Japan, and damaged the annex to the hotel. One person was killed. The staff of the prince of Wales, visiting Japan, suffered the partial destruction of their effects.

A dispatch to the press association from Carick-on-Shannon says Arthur Griffith, guarded by armored cars and Free State troops addressed a crowd in Sligo, Ireland, without interruption. Soldiers are reported to have entered a church at Jalapa, Mexico and shot several persons dead, including the mayor. The clash is attributed to difficulties between the civic and military authorities.

Announcement was made recently of the appointment of Chow Tzu Chi, prominent Chinese financier and former minister of finance, as acting premier in the absence of Liang Shih Yi, who has been on "leave of absence" for several weeks.

The miners in the province of Biscaya have gone on strike. Biscaya, the northwestern of the Basque provinces, borders on the Bay of Biscay. It is rich in iron ore.

The correspondent of the Daily Herald (labor organ) at the Genoa conference says that according to a statement made privately by Premier Facta recently recognition of soviet Russia now is an accomplished fact. Premier Facta, says the correspondent admitted that a common understanding was reached among the allies that meeting with the Russians on the basis of the Cannes conditions implied mutual recognition by the convening powers and the powers convened.

Washington—

Senatorial etiquette, as it relates to a noted stage beauty, Lillian Russell, plunged the senate into a heated debate in which counter charges were hurled that both sides had alighted her. The debate preceded the passage of the Colt bill extending the 3 per cent immigration law for two years.

Almost 2,000,000 fewer cotton spindles were operated during March than in February, the monthly cotton report of the census bureau, issued recently, disclosed.

The 1922 naval budget ran through hostile waters in the house. As the weary end of solid hours of debate was reached, with less than a corporal's guard on the floor, the air was filled with claims by leaders opposed to the bill's provision for an enlisted force of 65,000, that votes enough had been pledged to beat it.

The question whether the name of Christ was "censored" out of the opening prayer of the arms conference was raised again in the senate. Asking the question and answering it himself in the affirmative, Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, produced what he said was a copy of a letter written by the Rev. W. F. F. Abernathy, who delivered the prayer, saying he had been "reminded" there would be Buddhists and Confucianists present, and "told that it was the feeling that a simple recognition of the Deity would fill the requirements."

Charges of human "butchery" were made by Senator Borah, Idaho, against General Gregorie Semenov, Russian anti-Bolshevik leader, were testified to before the senate labor committee by two leaders of the American expeditionary forces in Siberia, Brig. Gen. Graves, commander, and Lieut. Col. Charles H. Morrow, his chief aide, who gave instances after instances of murder, rape and banditry which occurred during the period of American occupation of the region.

By a teller vote of 177 to 129 the "big navy" appropriation bill increasing the personnel from 67,000 enlisted men and 2,000 apprentices to the 80,000 enlisted men and 6,000 apprentices insisted on as the minimum by President Harding, has passed the house.

Trade associations throughout the country were asked by Secretary Hoover to furnish voluntarily to the commerce department statistical information concerning industries to be published by the government for the benefit of business and the public generally.

The United States has officially recognized the new government in Guatemala. It is announced at the state department.

It is announced that the joint commission of agricultural inquiry will recommend a sharp reduction in freight rates as applied to agricultural products.

Determined to "smoke out" the administration's Russian policy, and to open up, if possible, the whole secret chapter of this government's relations with that country since the downfall of the czarist government, Senator Borah issued a subpoena for the appearance of General Semenov before the senate committee on education and labor.

Bituminous coal production at the end of the second week of the coal strike shows an increase over the first week.

Chairman Kelley of the sub-committee on appropriations announces that a record vote will be demanded in the house on the amendment to the naval bill increasing the enlisted strength from 67,000 to 65,000.

The war department has sold to the Surplus Trading company of New York city, Camp Pike, Ark., with a considerable quantity of accumulated stores.

Declaring "outrageous profiteering still continues" in the coal business, Representative Beck, republican, Wisconsin, asked the house labor committee to secure internal revenue bureau figures regarding profits of coal corporations for the last three years, as revealed by their tax returns. He said if the committee did not act on his request he would take the fight to the floor of the house.

Domestic—

With hundreds of families already homeless and flood waters in Illinois and Indiana threatening to rise to even greater heights, relief agencies are reporting to be working energetically to aid the harassed refugees and prevent further breaks in the levees.

Enraged because her husband of three months had followed her on a horse after she left home in a buggy, Mrs. Lula Walker of Memphis, Tenn., shot her husband, but he will recover. There is no foundation for the report that Mary Garden will be discharged as director of the Chicago Grand Opera company, according to the president of that company.

The first Arbuckle picture shown after his release drew a crowd so large the police had to be called out to preserve order at Rock Hill, S. C., a town of 15,000 population.

Bandits in St. Louis, Mo., are reported to be doing a booming business. Daily holdups are reported, and every time the highwaymen have gotten away so far.

Mobile, Ala., is having a jury commission scandal, and the grand jury has asked for impeachment of two members of the jury commission, on the ground that they had engendered personal spite when they dropped two names from a jury list.

The Guss orphanage, a Jewish institution of Pittsburgh, Pa., was destroyed by fire, recently, but the children got out, by using the "fire drill" without any injury whatever.

Capt. G. S. Little and Sgt. James L. Johnson were killed at San Antonio when an airplane in which they were riding went into a nose dive at a height of 100 feet and fell.

Two persons were killed and two others badly injured — one probably mortally — when a Pennsylvania railroad excursion train struck their automobile near Asbury Park, N. J.

J. Hill, white foreman for the Columbia Salvage corporation, was blown to bits by an explosion of 20,000 pounds of black powder in an ammunition salvage magazine near the ordnance depot, North Charleston, S. C. More than 50 boxcars were damaged and trackage wrecked. It has not been determined what caused the blast.

Returns from the 37th New York congressional district indicate the election of Lewis Henry, republican, by a majority of 2,500.

George Zabriskie, member of the committee on the revision of the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal Church, says that women in the United States are, in nearly all respects, equal of men, and, therefore, the promises and vows of the man and woman and marriage should be reciprocal.

Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, asks all newspapers to appeal to ex-service men to return to their native heaths and seek employment, where they are better known and most likely to secure jobs.

Charles H. Fletcher, whose name appears on billboards the country over advertising Castoria, died recently at his home in Orange, N. J.

Capt. Roald Amundsen, Arctic explorer, and four flying companions, narrowly escaped death at Mola, Pa., when the monoplane in which they were going from New York to Cleveland, the first lap of a continental journey, turned over when it was forced down in a field.

Because he couldn't give a sufficiently detailed description of hell, Charles G. McKenzie, graduate of Union Theological seminary, was refused the right to preach by the Jersey City presbytery.

Atlanta's annual grand opera season opens Monday, April 24, and runs through the week, the final performance being on Saturday night. Despite the general business depression the seat sale to date is well up to that of previous years, and there is every indication that the season will be a successful one.

Beaufort.—A surveying party arrived to commence work on the state highway survey from Beaufort to the Craven county line. They say it will take about two months to complete the work. The survey of the Morehead City link to the Craven line was made two years ago. It is understood that construction work on the highway will start this summer.

Fayetteville.—Work on the surfacing or resurfacing of approximately 72,000 square yards of street paving will begin in this city at once. Contracts for this work have been let by the municipal board of aldermen and the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, the latter corporation having in charge the paving of Russell street under the old franchise granted the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad.

Henderson.—Henry Harris, accused of the killing of a negro woman said by some of the officers to have been his common-law wife, was given a hearing before Recorder R. J. Southland and sent to jail without privilege of bond.

Concord.—At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Concord, the city was authorized to secure the services of a food and milk inspector, and at its last meeting the board selected Dr. T. N. Spencer, local veterinarian, for the place.

Reidsville.—Some thirsty party or parties had on a genuine thirst and went to the extreme of breaking into Sheriff Sands' office and stealing several gallons of supposed moonshine. Some of the stuff was later recovered.

Reidsville.—Paul Coltrane, 18, of High Point, while attempting to board a freight train, slipped and fell to the ground and was cut on the head and received injuries about the body. A physician dressed the injury and the young man was carried to his home in High Point.

EXPLOSION KILLS SEVERAL HUNDRED

FOUR HUNDRED CARLOADS OF AMMUNITION EXPLODE AT MONASTIR, SERBIA.

THOUSANDS ARE INJURED

One-half of City's Population Rendered Homeless—Victims Mostly Children and Soldiers.

Belgrade.—Four hundred carloads of ammunition and high explosives stored near the railroad station at Monastir, southern Serbia, exploded, killing several hundred persons, wounding thousands and virtually destroying the heart of the city. One-half of the city's population was rendered homeless.

The victims were mostly children and soldiers. A church in which children were worshipping collapsed under the detonation, while the barracks in which 1,800 soldiers were having lunch was destroyed.

Immediately after the explosion fire broke out in various parts of the city. The panic-stricken inhabitants fled to the nearby woods and mountains from which they watched their homes burn. All telegraphic and telephonic communication from Monastir with the outside world was cut off. The first news of the disaster reached Belgrade from refugees.

Pistol Battle in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala.—Following a gun-battle police, led by Chief Fred McDuff, captured two of the three men who are believed to have shot Policeman S. S. Crabtree. The third man escaped.

Claude Wilson, of Atlanta, one of the captured men, was shot once through the breast. He was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

The other man taken prisoner is Charles Wilkes who, officers say, broke jail in Roanoke, Va., June 27, 1921, where he was sentenced to 35 years in the penitentiary for burglary and having burglar tools in his possession. He is in the city jail on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

Policeman A. L. Appling who was working with Officer Crabtree at the time he was arrested, positively identified Wilson as one of the three men whom he and his partner attempted to arrest.

Additional Tax Levy Necessary.

Washington.—Levying of additional taxes probably will be necessary to meet the deficit of more than \$350,000,000 forecast for the fiscal year of 1923 by Secretary Mellon, it was said at the treasury.

High officials of the treasury, discussing the expected deficit, said that no consideration had yet been given to means of meeting of the lack of funds but that it was apparent that the deficit would probably have to be raised by taxation, as the government "did not have anything to sell."

Whether the deficit would run as high as half a billion dollars, as estimated by some treasury officials, could not be accurately determined at this time, it was said, as the various contingent items of revenue and expenditures taken into consideration in figuring the finances for the coming fiscal year made an accurate determination of the expected deficit impossible. Officials asserted, however, a considerable deficit was certain.

Committee Favors Loan to Liberia.

Washington.—By a vote of 13 to 9, the house ways and means committee favorably reported the Fordney resolution authorizing a loan of \$5,000,000 to the republic of Liberia.

The credit was first authorized in 1918 after Liberia entered the war on the side of the Allies, but was never put through. Secretary Hughes, appearing before the committee, urged that the resolution be adopted by Congress "as a matter of national honor" and denied that the legislation had been advocated by American banking interests, who, he said, hold only a fraction of outstanding Liberian bonds.

Radio Commission Favored.

Washington.—Legislation creating an adjunct commission of ten to advise the commerce department in the control of radio communication will be recommended to Secretary Hoover in a report being prepared by the radio conference.

The full conference has adjourned subject to the call of the chair and will continue to function in an advisory capacity until the special commission is created. The commission would consist of five government members and five civilians.

MARCH FIRE LOSS SHOWS DECREASE

TOTAL IS \$476,452 IN STATE COMPARED WITH \$718,155 SAME MONTH OF 1921.

DAILY FIRE LOSS \$15,882

More Than Half the Entire Loss For March Resulted From One Fire, a Tobacco Warehouse.

Raleigh. According to the official reports of fires made to Insurance Commissioner Wade, the North Carolina fire loss for March amounted to \$476,452 as compared with \$718,155 for March, 1921. On the other hand, the fire loss of the United States and Canada for March was \$39,910,750, it being an increase, states the commissioner, of nearly 40 per cent over March 1921. North Carolina also makes a good comparative showing with the country at large for the first quarter of the year, the aggregate for January, February and March being \$1,904,097 as against \$1,757,155 for the same period of 1921, whereas the United States and Canada fire loss is \$107,578,050 as against \$89,739,900 for the first quarter of 1921.

There were 166 damage fires during March, against 132 in February; of these 15 fires at 14 points occasioned a loss of \$5,000 and over, totaling \$335,000, leaving for the other 151 fires \$141,452 or an average of less than \$1,000 each against an average loss for this group of \$535 in February and \$1,456 in January.

The average loss of the 15 fires in the \$5,000 group was \$22,500 against \$28,960 in February and \$38,363 in January. The average daily fire loss was \$15,882 for March, \$11,829 for February and \$35,000 for January.

More than half of the entire loss for March resulted from only one fire, a tobacco warehouse and stored cotton at Goldsboro, with \$241,500 loss.

Three Million For Education.

The state of North Carolina will spend this year for educational purposes the sum of \$3,267,200, not including any money raised by the counties of the state for school purposes nor any bond money. The sum of \$3,267,200, as well as a further sum of \$345,000 which is appropriated to such institutions as the Caswell Training school, the Stonewall Jackson Training school and others not 100 per cent educational in their nature, making a grand total of \$3,612,200, comes from the general state fund secured through state levies upon incomes, corporations, railroads, etc.

Practically every other state in the union levies a state-wide ad valorem tax for schools, and there are very few states where the state rate is less than 75 cents on the \$100 worth of property; and this is in addition to the local county taxes which run the total assessment for school purposes up to \$1.25 to \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Included in the total of \$3,612,200 is not only the cost of administration for the state department of education and all appropriations for training extension work, the medical examination of children and the support of all state institutions, but also \$832,204 which goes to supplement the county funds of 37 counties of the state in order to assure a six-months term for every school in every county.

Each county before participating in the equalization fund is required, under an act of the recent legislature, to levy a county tax of not less than 39 cents. If the tax thus levied is not sufficient to provide a six months term for each school, then the deficiency is made up by the state board of education.

It is interesting in this connection to note that, according to figures secured from the commissioner of internal revenue, there are seven counties in the state whose levy for school purposes is 30 cents or under. There were 34 counties whose levy was 39 cents or less. Nine counties have a rate of 40 cents or more and 27 counties have a rate of 50 cents or more.

Investigation of Coal Fields.

The North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey has recently obtained, through co-operation with the United States Bureau of Mines, the service of Mr. J. J. Farber, coal mining engineer of the bureau, to make a study of the methods of mining and preparation for market of the coal of the Deep River coal basin of Lee, Moore and Chatham counties; also to study the gases and dust in the mines in order to recommend methods which will reduce to a minimum the hazards of coal mining.

Our Great Spring Invitation Sale

Begins Friday and Will Last for Ten Days

For weeks we have been preparing for this mammoth sale. Now we are ready to offer you the most wonderful selection of bargains we or any one else ever offered around here.

Here are a few of those bargains:

A very high grade of 17 inches smoked Elk boots, \$12.00 value, only

\$5.95

The famous Dayton Boots, the strongest shoe made, \$10 value, only

\$4.95

A big variety of men's and ladies' sample dress shoes and oxfords, of the finest grade of calf, kid and glazed kid, values up to \$12.00 will go at only

2.98 to 3.98

A reduction on our entire line of Buster Brown and Star Brand solid leather shoes.

A big variety all kinds of children's cotton and silk hie stockings socks 3-4 sock, and rolled top stockings, in all shades and colors, per pair

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Dress Gingham 10 to 25c

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Extra heavy men's khaki pants, \$2 value only

98c.

Extra good men's overalls, only

\$1.25

Men's blue denim overalls, 240 weight, only

95 and 85c.

Ladies' Gauze Vests, only

10c.

The best men's Work Shirts,

79c.

The best ladies' Glove Silk Hose, \$4.50 value, only

\$2.95

Men's dress shirts from

49c. to \$5

Men's all wool serge pants

\$3.95

Men's dress Hats, at.

98c to \$5.00

Men's hose . . 9c to 1.50

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